



NOTICE OF MOTION

2 February 2010

NOM4	DRAMATIC OVERHAUL OF COMMITTEE STRUCTURE
	FILE: 198 PJH {Folio No. *}

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 2 February 2010.

"That the General Manager carry out a review of Council's committee structure with a view to drastically reducing the number of committees, and that one of the options be that we have only five main committees which align with the new Directorate structure, the Community Strategic Plan and the Management Plan."

NOTE:

At present we have close to 45 committees of varying efficacy. It seems that standing orders are not always adhered to and that the objectives of these committees are infrequently complied with, or for that matter ever referred to.

This could be a way of strategically linking committees with our Community Strategic Plan and our Management Plan and dovetail into the new overall restructure.

I believe, as Councillors, we should be macro managing and not micro managing.

MOTION IMPLICATIONS:

- ***Environmental***

Nil

- ***Social***

Nil

- ***Economic (Financial)***

A reduction in the number of committees would reduce travel costs to councillors and free up staff to carry out their duties.

- ***Policy or Statutory***

Nil

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COUNCILLOR J A C HAYES

GENERAL MANAGER'S NOTE:

It is considered that any review needs to be undertaken in light of the proposed new community engagement processes. Under this system the Council will be engaging with the communities of interest, as previously identified, on a regular basis discussing a broad range of topics at the one meeting. This should then provide community input to assist in identifying the issues and solutions required. This may alleviate the need to have a number of committee meetings, each on a separate topic.

Should the Council wish to have an option of a few large committees investigated, it is recommended that this be based on the four goals of the Council, around which the strategic and management planning will occur, not around the operational staffing structure.